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BY BARBADOS, EL SALVADOR, NICARAGUA, COSTA RICA,
MOZAMBIQUE, MALDIVES, BURUNDI AND ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

1. SUMMARY: GENERAL DEBATE IN THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL
SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (UNSSOD) CONCLUDED ON THE AFTERNOON
OF JUNE 9 WITH STATEMENTS BY BARBADOS, EL SALVADOR,
NICARAGUA, COSTA RICA, MOZAMBIQUE, THE MALDIVES, BURUNDI,
AND ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT MOJSOV. ALL COUNTRIES' STATEMENTS
WERE PREDICTABLY THIRD WORLD/NON-ALIGNED IN CONTENT, BUT
MOZAMBICAN FOREIGN MINISTER CHIASSANO MADE ESPECIALLY HEAVY
USE OF SOVIET-STYLE RHETORIC IN ATTACKING THE WEST AND
NATO. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE FINAL AFTERNOON OF UNSSOD GENERAL DEBATE BEGAN ON
JUNE 9 WITH A STATEMENT BY AMB. TO THE U.N. DONALD G.
BLACKMAN OF BARBADOS. BLACKMAN MADE A TYPICAL NON-ALIGNED
STATEMENT IN WHICH HE DEPLORED THE "SQUANDERMANIA ON ARMS"
COMPARED TO THE "PRIVATIONS SUFFERED BY THE MAJORITY OF
THE WORLD'S PEOPLES" AND POINTED TO A "LOGICAL NEXUS
BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT." HE SUPPORTED EFFORTS

TO HALT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION BUT ALSO EXPRESSED THE "FIRM BELIEF THAT NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE TO BE USED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES...." BLACKMAN SUPPORTED THE GOAL OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, BUT HE ASSERTED THAT THE PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ALL ARMS "MUST INCLUDE A STUDY WHICH INVOLVES THE DE-MILITARIZATION OF THE WORLD ECONOMY WITH A MINIMUM OF DISLOCATION IN TERMS OF JOBS AND STANDARDS OF LIVING."

3. AMB. TO THE U.N. MIGUEL RAFAEL URQUIA OF EL SALVADOR MADE A GENERAL BUT REALISTIC STATEMENT. HE FAVORABLY CITED THE 1967 TREATY OF TLAZELOLCO AND THE 1974 DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO. HE ASSERTED THAT DISARMAMENT MUST BE GENERAL AND COMPLETE ONLY IN REGARD TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND HE SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY PREFERRED A BALANCED REDUCTION IN REGARD TO OTHER WEAPONS. ALTHOUGH HE FELT THAT NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT IS FEASIBLE, HE THOUGHT THAT THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF ALL WEAPONS IS A "UTOPIAN DREAM." ON THE QUESTION OF MACHINERY URQUIA CALLED FOR A U.N. BODY TO REPLACE THE CCD ON NEGOTIATIONS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT HE SAID IT WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE FOR ALL STATES TO TAKE PART IN NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE HIGHLY TECHNICAL. HE THOUGHT NEGOTIATIONS ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN A BROADER BODY. URQUIA ALSO DREW THE USUAL LINK BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. HE ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR AN EVENTUAL CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CON-

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4. AMB. TO THE U.N. ALEJANDRO MONTIEL-ARGUELLO OF NICARAGUA ALSO ECHOED SEVERAL NON-ALIGNED THEMES. HE MADE THE STANDARD REFERENCE TO THE SOCIAL COSTS OF THE ARMS RACE. HE EXPRESSED PRIDE THAT LATIN AMERICA IS A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE, AND HE HOPED FOR PROGRESS IN THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION. MONTIEL-ARGUELLO DECLARED THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR "FUNCTIONAL CONTROL OF DISARMAMENT BY AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION." HE SAID THAT NICARAGUA IS ITSELF SUBJECTED TO TERRORISM "INSPIRED BY OUTSIDE INFLUENCES," BUT HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE COUNTRY WOULD WITHSTAND THIS THREAT WITHOUT INCREASING ITS ARMS EXPENDITURES.

5. AMB. TO THE U.N. RODOLFO PIZA-ESCALANTE OF COSTA RICA PROJECTED HIS COUNTRY AS AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER STATES IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT. HE NOTED THAT COSTA RICA HAS NO MILITARY AND MAINTAINS ONLY A SMALL CIVIL GUARD AT A COST OF ONE PERCENT OF THE COSTA RICAN BUDGET. HE HOPED THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY COULD BE PROTECTED BY AN INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTION, AND HE HOPED THAT

COLLECTIVE ACTION WOULD GUARANTEE PEACE AND SECURITY AMONG STATES AND THE PRESERVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WITHIN STATES. HE MADE THE USUAL LINK BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, AND HE SAID THAT THE RESOURCES NOW DEVOTED TO ARMAMENTS MUST BE DIVERTED FOR USE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. PIZA-ESCALANTE SAID THAT STATES MUST REDUCE AT ONCE THEIR MILITARY EXPENDITURES BY AT LEAST 10 PERCENT AND MUST USE THE FUNDS THUS SAVED FOR A FUND FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

6. FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM ALBERTO CHIASSANO OF MOZAMBIQUE DELIVERED A STATEMENT TYPICAL OF THE MORE RADICAL WING OF NON-ALIGNED GROUP. HIS SPEECH WAS MOST NOTEWORTHY FOR ITS

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ATTACKS ON "IMPERIALIST POWERS" AND "EX-COLONIAL POWERS" WHICH "TRY HARD TO MAINTAIN THEIR INFLUENCE OVER FORMER COLONIES WITH THE ULTERIOR MOTIVE OF CONTINUING EXPLOITATION OF THE LATTER...." HE MADE RITUAL ATTACKS ON THE "RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA" AND ON THE "IMPERIALIST POWERS" WHICH "CONTINUE TO MILITARILY STRENGTHEN THESE REGIMES WHILE AT THE SAME TIME IMPROVING SOUTH AFRICA'S CONDITIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS." CHIASSANO SAID THAT "DISARMAMENT IN AFRICA MEANS

NO LESS THAN THE ERADICATION OF COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM." HE WENT ON TO ASSERT THAT "THIS IS WHY THE SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT BY ALL MEANS INCLUSIVE OF THE PROVISION OF ARAMENTS IS AN IMPORTANT CONDITION IN THE PURSUIT OF THE CAUSE OF DISARMAMENT ITSELF." HE PROCLAIMED THAT "ANY NATIONAL LIBERATION WAR IS A WAR MEANT TO BRING PEACE."

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CHISSANO ASSERTED THAT IN KOREA "DISARMAMENT MEANS THE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS AND THEIR ARSENAL OF ARMS AND THE SUBSEQUENT PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY."

USING SOVIET-STYLE RHETORIC, CHISSANO MADE A PARTICULARLY POLEMICAL ATTACK ON NATO, "WHOSE OBJECTIVES ARE OBVIOUS TO ALL OF US WHO ARE ACQUAINTED WITH THE AGGRESSIVE CHARACTER OF THIS ORGANIZATION." HE DECLARED THAT THE "INTENTION OF NATO TO CONTINUE SUBJUGATING OUR CONTINENT IS CLEAR," AND HE SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO FRANCE, BELGIUM, THE U.S., THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AND GREAT BRITAIN AS "HEADS OF COLONIALISM IN OUR CONTINENT SINCE A LONG TIME AGO...."

CHISSANO ATTACKED THE CONCEPT OF A "PAN AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE" AND ASSERTED THAT "SUCH A FORCE DOES NOT SERVE OTHER PURPOSES OTHER THAN DEFENDING THE EUROPEAN COLONIALIST AND IMPERIALIST INTERESTS." HE SAID THAT "WE KNOW ALL THOSE WHO WERE ON OUR SIDE DURING THE DIFFICULT MOMENTS OF OUR STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE," AND HE SAID THAT "AMONG THESE FRIENDS WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET THAT ON

THE TOP OF THE LIST STAND ALL THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA, WHOM SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE TRYING TO MAKE US BELIEVE...ARE OUR ENEMIES." CHISSANO DECLARED THAT "THE ATTITUDE OF FRANCE, BELGIUM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND GREAT BRITAIN IS HIGHLY CONTRADICTORY WITH THE EFFORTS WHICH WE ARE MAKING IN THIS SESSION FOR THE CREATION OF A CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE AMONG US ALL."

FOR THE REST, CHISSANO SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES, THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AND ITS TRANSFORMATION INTO A ZONE OF PEACE, THE "DISMANTLING OF THE IMPERIALIST MILITARY BASES," A WORLD CONFERENCE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND A WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT. HE CONDEMNED THE "DILATORY IMPERIALIST

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MANEUVERS INTENDED TO UNDERMINE EFFORTS EXERTED AT HALTING THE PRODUCTION OF NEW TYPES OF ARMS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

SUCH AS THE NEUTRON BOMB...." HE MADE THE USUAL NON-ALIGNED LINK BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, AND HE ADVOCATED THE "ENCOURAGEMENT OF ALL AND ANY INITIATIVE THAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT FOR WHICH THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TOGETHER WITH THE REST OF THE PEACE LOVING COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING...."

CHIASSANO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE U.S. WOULD RESULT IN "MORE SUFFICIENT, COMPREHENSIVE AND LASTING AGREEMENTS IN A NEAR FUTURE." HE ALSO DECLARED THAT EXISTING DISARMAMENT ORGANS SHOULD BE "CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY."

7. AMB. TO THE U.N. MOHAMED MUSTAFA HUSSAIN OF THE MALDIVES MADE A RATHER GENERAL STATEMENT IN WHICH HE ECHOED MANY NON-ALIGNED THEMES. HE NOTED THE SOCIAL COSTS OF THE ARMS RACE, AND HE SUPPORTED THE COMPLETE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE SETTING-UP OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A ZONE OF PEACE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION. HUSSAIN WAS ONE OF THE FEW SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF DISPOSAL OF ATOMIC WASTES, AND HE ALSO ALLUDED TO COSMOS 954 IN MENTIONING THAT "EVENTS ARE TAKING PLACE DUE TO ACCIDENTS OR MISHAPS INVOLVING NUCLEAR DEVICES." HE SAID THAT THE U.N. COULD UNDERTAKE A VERY IMPORTANT TASK BY "MORE ACTIVELY ENSURING AND INFORMING THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD OF FACTS PERTAINING TO POSSIBLE INCIDENTS THAT THREATEN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE, IN ORDER TO PREPARE THEMSELVES."

8. AMB. TO THE U.N. BARTHELEMY MAKOBERO OF BURUNDI ALSO ECHOED NON-ALIGNED THEMES. HE MADE THE STANDARD ATTACKS

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ON THE "RACIST USURPERS OF AFRICAN TERRITORY." HE HOPED THAT THE U.S., THE SOVIET UNION, AND THE U.K. WOULD SOON REACH AGREEMENT ON A TREATY PROHIBITING NUCLEAR ARMS TESTS AND WOULD CONCLUDE A PROTOCOL ON THE USE OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. HE CALLED ON THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES TO PLEDGE NOT TO USE THEIR NUCLEAR ARMS AGAINST STATES NOT POSSESSING THEM. HE ALSO CALLED FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. MAKOBERO SUPPORTED THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES OF PEACE IN THESE AREAS.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT LAZAR MOJSOV MADE A BRIEF AND GENERAL STATEMENT TO WRAP UP THE GENERAL DEBATE. HE POINTED TO THE NEED FOR THE U.N. TO EXERT MAXIMUM EFFORTS TO RE-PLACE THE VICIOUS CIRCLE OF RIVALRY, DISTRUST AND EVER

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MORE ASTRONOMICAL MILITARY BUDGETS WITH AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND UNDERSTANDING. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED ON THE VITAL ISSUES APPEARING ON THE AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL SESSION. YOUNG

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